

ESIF User Call for High-Impact Projects FAQs

Listed below are frequently asked questions regarding the ESIF User Call for High-Impact Projects. This list will be continuously be updated with additional questions and answers before the proposal deadline of January 27, 2017.

Q: Do we need a specific partner inside NREL for a proposal? Not clear, but sounds like a CRADA-type arrangement is necessary, and I think a specific arrangements on the project could be useful.

A: In this stage of the proposal process, you are asked to identify the scope of what you wish to complete at NREL. If your project is chosen for negotiation, we will match you with the appropriate NREL staff member to work out the final details and budget.

Q: Is the intent of the project for the funding to go for ESIF activities – i.e. \$250K gets \$250K of NREL services – or are the services from ESIF separate from the \$500K funding of the project? For example, where it says:

“Applicants will propose a scope of work for NREL researchers and the project team to perform together in the ESIF. If selected for negotiation, NREL staff will provide the applicant with a proposed budget for the NREL portion of the work and DOE match funding, which will dictate the minimum cost-share required by the applicant.”

Does this mean internal NREL (or contracted) staff will do up to \$250K of the work, and the partners provide up to \$250K of a match for it?

A: Yes, this is a correct interpretation.